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Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment which was mailed by the Patent Office on January 2, 2004 for failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by the Notice of Allowability mailed by the Patent Office on August 13, 2003. However, Applicants timely filed formal drawings on September 29, 2003. Thus, Applicants request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Applicants submitted formal drawings on September 29, 2003 in response to the Notice of Allowability. Enclosed is a copy of the postcard submitted with the formal drawings which was stamped by the Patent Office showing that the Patent Office received the formal drawings on October 3, 2003. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is not abandoned. Applicants request that the abandonment of this application be withdrawn because the Notice of Allowability was timely responded to. The issue fee was also timely paid on November 10, 2003.



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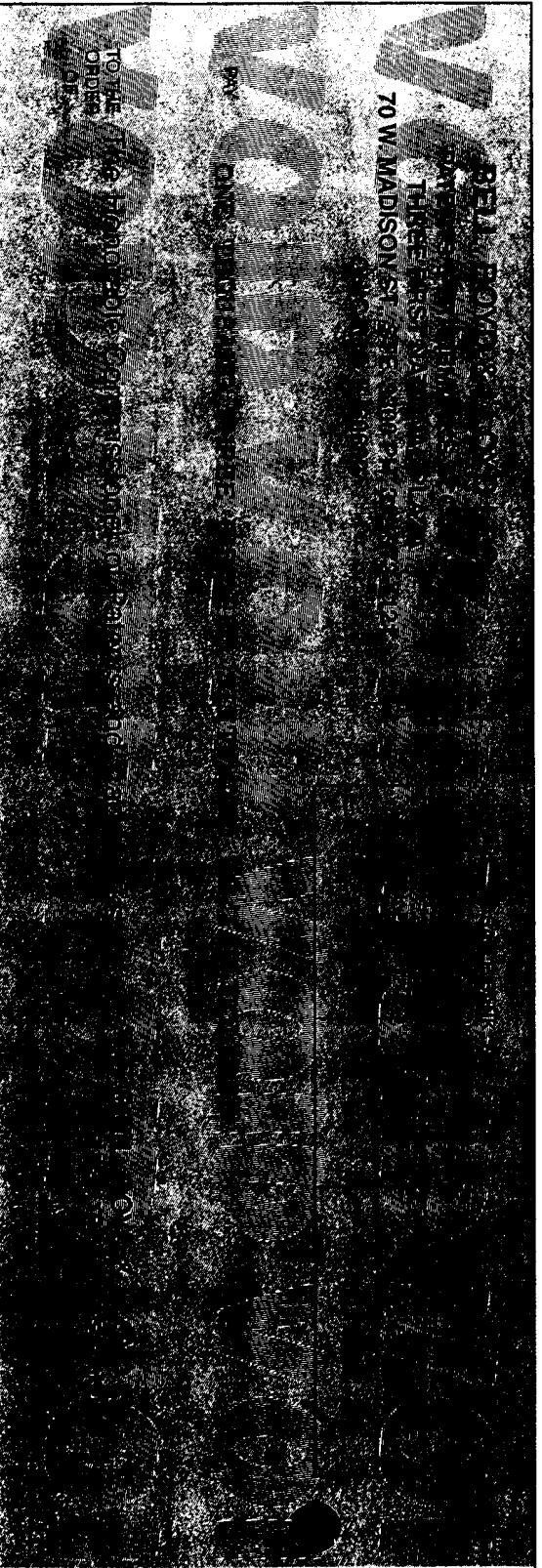


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